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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4. (Cancelled)

Claim 5. (Previously presented) An isolated or purified polynucleotide consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1 or its complementary strand.

Claims 6-8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Previously presented) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 5.

Claims 10-11. (Cancelled)

Claim 12. (Previously presented) A diagnostic device comprising the nucleotide of claim 5.

Claims 13-15. (Cancelled)

Claim 16. (Previously presented) A cell transformed by the vector according to claim 9.

Claims 17-32. (Cancelled)